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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-50 (CANCELED)

51. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A non-woven mat of chopped strands, comprising:

a plurality of fibers disposed in a non-woven configuration to define a mat, wherein one symplety for the second configuration to define a mat,

substantially 100% all of said fibers are disposed in fiber bundles, wherein said fiber bundles have between 5-450 fibers per bundle and the length of said bundles being substantially the same as the lengths of the fibers forming said bundles, and wherein at least 85% of said fibers of said fiber bundles have a diameter of between about 7-500 microns; wherein said fibers in said fiber bundles are held together with a substantially water insoluble sizing, and

wherein the integrity of the mat is increased by means of heat activated binder fibers.

- 52. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A non-woven mat as recited in claim 51 wherein at least 85% of said fibers in said bundles have a length of between 5-100 mm.
- 53. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A non-woven mat as recited in claim 52 wherein at least 85% of said fibers in said bundles have a diameter of between 7-35 microns.
- 54. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A non-woven mat as recited in claim 53 wherein at least 10% of the fibers in said fiber bundles comprise reinforcement fibers